GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA

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ACHIEVEMTNT OF VARIOUS INSTITUTIONS
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of major achievements of Maulana Azad Foundation, Central Wakf Council, Backward Class Financial Development Corporation, National Commission for Safai Karamacharies, Minorities Commission and other departmental institutions during each of the last three years, till date; and

(b) the details of the beneficiaries of the said schemes, during the said period, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY IN SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI NAGMANI)

(a) & (b) A Note giving details of major achievements of various institutions is enclosed at Annexure.

Annexure

Reply to part (a) & (b) of Lok Sabha USQ No.1546 for 31.7.2003

MAULANA AZAD EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Maulana Azad Education Foundation has been set up as a registered society with the objective of promoting the educational development of the backward sections of the society in particular the minorities. The Government of India has contributed Rs.70 crore to the corpus fund to the Foundation. During last three years, the Foundation has supported a number of voluntary organizations for running programmes for residential schools, construction of hostel buildings, establishing/expansion of schools/colleges, technical education and remedial coaching. Numbers of NGOs assisted were 60 in 2000-01, 69 in 2001-02 and 50 in 2002-03. A statement showing number of NGOs assisted State-wise in last three years is attached at Annexure-I.

CENTRAL WAKF COUNCIL

The Central Wakf Council is a statutory body established by the Central Government under Section 8 (A) of the Wakf Act, 1954 (now read as Sub-Section (1) of the Section of the 9 of the Wakf Act, 1995) for the purpose of advising it on matters relating to working of the Wakf boards and the proper administrations of the Wakf in the country.

The Council has also been entrusted the work of the development of urban wakf properties and educational advancement programmes for the community.

(i) Scheme for development of urban wakf properties.

With a view to protect vacant wakf land from encroachers and to develop on commercial lands for generating more income in order to widen the resource base for welfare activities, the Central Wakf Council has been implementing this scheme since 1974-75. Under this scheme, loan is extended to wakf institutions in the country for taking up economically viable projects on wakf lands such as the development of commercial complexes, marriage halls, hospitals, cold storages etc. A statement showing State-wise number of projects sanctioned in last three years is given at Annexure II.

(ii) Educational schemes

The Central Wakf Council releases grant-in-aid to the wakf institutions in the form of interest free loan for the Development of Urban Wakf Properties. The loanees are required to pay 6% of outstanding loan as donation to the education fund for the educational scheme of the Central Wakf Council. After the repayment of the loan, they must spent atleast 40% from their enhanced income on the education of muslims with special focus on technical education. A statement showing number of beneficiaries under different educational programmes in last three years is given at Annexure III.

NATIONAL BACKWARD CLASSES FINANCE & DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

The National Backward Classes Finance & Development Corporation provides financial assistance through SCAs to persons belonging to backward classes living below the poverty line i.e. Annual family income of Rs.40000 in rural areas and Rs.55000 in

urban areas for undertaking a wide range of income generating activities.

The number of beneficiaries for the last three years is as follows:

2000-01	21,518
2001-02	45,927
2002-03	84,682
2003-04	47,158 (till date)

State-wise details of beneficiaries for last three years and current year till date is given in Statement at Annexure IV.

NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR SAFAI KARAMCHARIS

The National Commission for Safai Karamcharis was established under the National Commission for Safai Karamcharis Act, 1993 to promote and safeguard the interest and right of safai karamcharis. The Commission has been empowered to investigate specific grievances and matters relating to implementation of programmes and schemes for welfare of safai karamcharis.

The Commission has so far submitted 5 Annual Reports to Government of India giving recommendations for ameliorating the lot of Safai Karamcharis.

NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR MINORITIES

The National Commission for Minorities was set up under the National Commission for Minorities Act, 1992. The Commission performs a number of functions for the effective implementation on safeguards provided under the Constitution, for protection of the interest of Minorities and make recommendations in this regard to the Central Government or State Government. The Commission has submitted its 7th Annual Report for the period 1999-2000 and 8th Annual Report for the period 2000-01.

COMMISSIONER FOR LINGUISTIC MINORITIES

In accordance with the provisions of Article 350-B of the Constitution, the Commissioner for Linguistic Minorities investigate all matters relating to safeguards provided for linguistic Minorities under the Constitution and to report to the President upon those matters at such intervals as the President may direct, and the President shall cause all such Reports to be laid before each House of Parliament. The Commissioner for Linguistic Minorities has submitted its 36th annual Report for period 1995-98, 27th Annual Report for 1998-99 and 38th Annual Report for 1999-2000.

NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR SCHEDULED CASTES AND SCHEDULED TRIBES

The National Commission for Scheduled Castes & Scheduled Tribes has been set up under Article 338 of the Constitution as a high level independent Constitutional body to monitor the safeguards provided for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes and also review issues concerning their welfare. As per clause (5) of Article 338 of the Constitution of India, the Commission has wide powers to protect, safeguard and to promote the interests of the SCs and STs.

The Commission has submitted Annual Reports for the period 1998-99, 1999-2000 and 2000-01 to the President of India and also two special reports on the evalution of working of SCs and STs (POA) Act and functioning of Special Courts in the States of UP and Madhya Pradesh.

NATIONAL SCHEDULED CASTES FINANCE & DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

The National Scheduled Castes Finance & Development Corporation was set up as a Company `not for profit`, under Section 25 of the Companies Act, 1956 with the objective of financing income generating activities of SC beneficiaries living below double the poverty line. The Corporation has provided assistance to 52861 persons in 2000-01, 94845 in 2001-02 and 79986 in 2002-03 under various income generating activities.

NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR BACKWARD CLASSES

The National Commission for Backward Classes was set up under NCBC Act, 1993 to examine request for inclusion and complaints of over-inlcusion and under-inclusion in the Central List of Other Backward Classes. The Commission has tendered 56 advices to the Central Government during 2002-03.

NATIONAL MINORITIES DEVELOPMENT & FINANCE CORPORATION

National Minorities Development & Finance Corporation was incorporated on 30th September 1994 with the objective of promoting economic and developmental activities among weaker sections of minorities. The NMDFC provides concessional finance for self-employment activities to eligible beneficiaries belonging to minority communities having family income below double the poverty line. The Corporation has benefited 20274 persons in 2000-01, 21489 in 2001-02 and 16492 in 2002-03 under Term loan and 11418 in 2000-01, 24529 in 2001-02 and 7386 in 2002-03 under Micro Finance Scheme.

NATIONAL HANDICAPPED FINANCE & DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

The National Handicapped Finance & Development Corporation was set up in 1997 under Section 25 of the Company Act with the objective of promoting economic empowerment of the persons with disabilities to financing self-employment ventures and assisting beneficiaries in the upgradation of technical and entrepreneurship skills for effective management of their self employment ventures. In last three years, the Corporation has benefited 2448 disabled persons in 2000-01, 2375 in 2001-02 and 3824 in 2002-03 and 795 in 2003-04 (till date) under general scheme. Number of beneficiaries provided assistance under micro-credit scheme for the same period is as follows: 178 in 2000-01, 538 in 2001-02 and 640 in 2002-03 and 296 in 2003-04 (till date).

NATIONAL TRUST FOR WELFARE OF PERSONS WITH AUTISM, CEREBRAL PALSY, MENTAL RETARDATION & MUL DISABILITIES

The National Trust is a statutory body set up under `The National Trust for the Welfare of Persons with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation & Multiple Disabilities Act, 1999`.The objectives of the Trust are to enable and empower persons with disability to lead their lives as independently and as fully as possible within or close to their own communities. The Trust also extends support to registered organizations to provide need based services during periods of crisis in the family of the persons with disability and also promotes measures for care and protection of these persons in the event of death of their parents or guardians.

In last three years, the Trust has registered 324 NGOs in 26 States and 2 UTs, trained 1478 home based care-givers, formed Local Level Committees in 369 districts in 25 States and 4 UTs, conducted 115 awareness programmes in 25 districts and 2 UTs. Number of persons benefited under the programme of `Establishment of Relief Institution` Scheme was 1624 in 2001-02 and 1918 in 2002-03.

Annexure -II

Development of Urban Wakf Properties Scheme Amount in lakhs (Rupees)

Sl.No.	Name of the States	2000-2001		2001-2002		2002-2003	
		Amount &	No.of projects	Amount &	No.of projects	Amount &	No.of projects
1.	Uttar Pradesh	41.00	1	-	-	-	
2.	Rajasthan	-	-	-	-		
3.	Punjab	20.00	1	23.38	1	35.70	1
4.	Manipur	-	-	20.00	1	11.30	1
5.	Maharashtra	25.00	1	-	25.00	1	
6.	Madhya Pradesh	-		-	20.00	1	-
7	Kerala	30.00	1	20.00	1	5.00	1
8.	Karnataka	64.00	3	56.62	4	41.00	2
9.	Gujarat	-	-	-	-	25.00	1
10.	Tamil Nadu	-	-	-	-	15.00	1
	Total	180.00	7	140.00	8	158.00	8

Annexure-III

Statement showing the disbursement of Fund under Educational Scheme during last 3 years

Amount in Rupees

Name of the Educational Programmes	2000-2001	2001-2002	2002-2003

	No. of benefi-ciaries	Amount	No. of benefi-ciaries	Amount	No. of benefi-ciaries	Amount
1) Scholarship for Technical Education	741	44,29,120	777	46,15,441	757	44,93,643
2) Ad-hoc grant to poor and needy students	159	4,76,200	187	5,57,085	196	5,87,520
3) Scholarship through State Wakf Board to the students of Diploma courses in Technical Diploma courses, Secondary/Higher Secondary and Madarsa Education	12	4,55,000	-	-	-	-
4) Financial assistance to Vocational Training Centre	18	18,05,000	8	13,77,000	2	7,22,000
5) 50% Matching grant to Technical Institutions	1	1,00,000	-	-	-	-
6) Financial assistance to R.R./Library/Book Bank	36	3,45,000	10	3,45,000.	11	1,95,000
7) Financial assistance to I.T.I.s	4	43,00,000	7	87,03,000	-	
Total	971	1,19,10,320.	989	1,55,97,526	966	59,98,163

Annexure IV

National Backward Finance & Development CorporationState-wise details of beneficiaries

S.No	State/UTs	Years			
		2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04
1	Andhra Pradesh	1620	7784	13584	3000
2	Assam	86	85	241	60
3	Bihar	1145	680	180	0
4	Chandigarh	4	21	0	0
5	Chattisgarh	0	0	203	0
6	Delhi	0	0	200	0
7	Gujarat	515	2075	3136	440
8	Goa	45	57	72	10
9	Haryana	1037	470	0	940
10	Himachal Pr.	336	282	176	83
11	Karnataka	1100	7350	9276	2530
12	Kerala	5273	5696	16350	2049
13	Madhya Pradesh	2694	2358	794	614
14	Maharashtra	1025	886	1333	1885
15	Sikkim	131	170	230	95
16	Orissa	0	738	0	0
17	Punjab	341	0	196	0
18	Pondicherry	288	196	130	0
19	Rajasthan	170	190	397	278
20	Tamil Nadu	837	965	396	1200
21	Uttar Pradesh	1388	1732	894	0
22	West Bengal	835	1250	2067	700